



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re of the Application of

Stephen Michnick et al.

Serial Number: 10/728,355

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For: IN VIVO SCREENING OF PROTEIN-  
PROTEIN INTERACTIONS WITH  
PROTEIN FRAGMENT  
COMPLEMENTATION ASSAYS

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Group Art Unit: 1639  
Examiner: Sue Xu Liu

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

**Mail Stop RCE**

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant is submitting herewith a Request for Continuing Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. This RCE is subsequent to the final office action dated June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008. A three month extension of time fee (\$555.<sup>00</sup>) is also enclosed with this RCE.

Prior to examining the instant RCE and once again, the Examiner is respectfully requested to review the prosecution history of the parent case U.S 09/603,885 (also claiming priority from U.S. provisional application No. 60/141,210 filed Jun. 26, 1999) so there is no question beyond reasonable doubt about the priority granted to the parent case. The United States patent and Trademark office granted priority to 09/017,412 which further claims priority to Jan 31, 1997 from Canadian application 2196496. The priority of this application is unequivocally Feb. 1, 1998.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.